STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SYNOPSIS AGENDA/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CODE: SBE-02

COMMITTEE: S

State Board

DATE:

June 10, 2015

SUBJECT/TITLE

Interim Guideline for Middle-Level Certification

PURPOSE OF REPORT/REGULATION/ITEM

Solve certification issues during an interim period.

CRITICAL FACTS

A proviso is pending that would waive the requirement that teachers with secondary (high school) subject area certification have a middle level certification to teach in grades 6-8. There is some question whether the budget will pass by July 1.

The regulation on certification criteria has recently been amended to permit those requirements to be set by State Board of Education guideline. That regulation passed May 29, 2015; however, full guidelines are not yet ready for presentation to the SBE. We plan to have those ready in August; however, school starts the third Monday in August.

To bridge the possible gap and permit school districts the opportunity to rely upon the pending proviso's expansion, we ask that the SBE approve an interim guideline on middle level certification.

TIMELINE/REVIEW PROCESS

See critical facts.

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COST:

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FUND/SOURCE:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS	
Attachments: yes no (attachments must be submitted with synopsis) Name of Attachments:	
RECOMMENDATION	
We recommend that the SBE approve an interim guideline as follows: Teachers with a high school or secondary content area certification are certified to teach that content area at the middle level, until enactment of the proviso in the FY 2015-2016 budget, or adoption of full certification guidelines, whichever comes sooner.	
ACTION REQUEST	
FOR APPROVAL: FOR INFORMATION ONLY:	

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